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SUBJECT: INFORMAL EWG MEETING, 28 FEBRUARY

REF: A. USNATO 0939 (NOTAL)

B. WASHINGTON BRIEFING ON RATIONALIZATION AND SPECIAL-
IZATION OF NATO FORCES (POUCHED)

SUMMARY. DURING INFORMAL SESSION FEB 28, EXECUTIVE WORKING
GROUP (EWG) ENDORSED PROPOSED FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON BASIC
ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING (ANNEX TO DPP/74/77, REFTEL A).
US TEAM THEN PRESENTED BRIEFING ON METHODOLOGY FOR
RATIONALIZATION AND SPECIALIZATION OF NATO FORCES (POUCHED).
EWG REPS (ALL WERE PRESENT EXCEPT NORWEGIAN) REACTED FAVORABLY AND
CONSTRUCTIVELY. END SUMMARY

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1. ACTING CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS OPENED INFORMAL EWG MEETING
FEBRUARY 28 AND ASKED REPS WHETHER PROPOSED FOLLOW-UP ACTION
ON BASIC ISSUES (REFTEL A) REFLECTED EWG CONSENSUS ON SCOPE
AND ASSIGNMENTS FOR REPORTING. NO DELEGATES OBJECTED. DURING

SHORT DISCUSSION, HUMPHREYS REQUESTED A MARCH 31, 1974 BASE DATE FOR APPROPRIATE REPORT DATA AND SUBMISSION OF REPORTS IN SUFFICIENT COPIES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ALL EWG MEMBERS. HE SAID HE WOULD PUBLISH MORE DETAILED GUIDANCE.

2. AT REQUEST OF US, LTCOL SCHNEIDER (OSD-PA&E) AND LTCDR P.A. BOZZELLI (OSD-ISA) PRESENTED BRIEFING ON RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION IN NATO (POUCHED). BRIEFING CONTAINED EXPLANATION OF MATRIX SYSTEM FOR IMPROVING COLLECTIVE NATO DEFENSE CAPABILITY BY RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION IN THREE AREAS: A) ECONOMY OF SCALE (HIGHLY SPECIALIZED AIRCRAFT, EXPENSIVE SHIPS), B) HOST NATION SUPPORT EFFICIENCY (NIKE AIR DEFENSE, ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT), AND C) CONSOLIDATION (CONSOLIDATION OF EXISTING COMMUNICATIONS). TASKS IN THESE AREAS, PROVIDED FOR ILLUSTRATION ONLY, WOULD BE REASSIGNED AMONG NATIONS TO GENERATE SAVINGS WHICH THEN COULD BE APPLIED TO FORCE IMPROVEMENTS SUCH AS GROUND SUPPORT/DAY FIGHTERS, COMBAT BRIGADES, MINE WARFARE VESSELS ASW PATROL AIRCRAFT AND WAR RESERVES.

3. US REP (B/G BOWMAN) INTRODUCED BRIEFING BY DESCRIBING ITS PRELIMINARY AND ILLUSTRATIVE NATURE, ITS EMPHASIS ON FUTURE RATHER THAN CURRENT PROGRAMS AND ITS FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE OF STRENGTHENING COLLECTIVE ALLIANCE DEFENSE CAPABILITY. AFTER EMPHASIZING THAT BRIEFING WAS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS A STATEMENT OF POLICY OR AS INTERFERENCE WITH EUROGROUP ACTIVITIES WHICH THE US STRONGLY SUPPORTS, US REP INVITED DELEGATIONS TO OFFER CANDID CRITICISMS.

4. DELEGATES REACTED CONSTRUCTIVELY. CANADIAN, FRG, NETHERLANDS AND SACLANT REPS APPLAUDED US EFFORTS TOWARD DEVELOPING MORE EFFECTIVE APPROACHES TO SPECIALIZATION/RATIONALIZATION CONCEPT, BUT CITED NEED FOR CAREFUL STUDY. HUMPHREYS, SECONDED BY FRG, SUGGESTED THAT ADDITIONAL HOST COUNTRY SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES MENTIONED IN BRIEFING COULD RESULT IN REDUCTIONS IN EUROPEAN COMBAT CAPABILITY IF CARRIED TOO FAR. US BRIEFER RESPONDED THAT SUBSTANTIAL CIVILIAN CONFIDENTIAL

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SUPPORT CAPABILITY (TRANSPORT FACILITIES, ETC.) ALREADY EXISTED IN GERMANY AND INCREASED COSTS FOR SUCH SUPPORT COULD BE OFFSET BY SAVINGS FROM OTHER SPECIALIZATION AREAS. US REP SUGGESTED THAT "TEETH TO TAIL" RATIO WOULD INCREASE IF IMPROVED HOST COUNTRY SUPPORT ALLOWED US TO TRANSPORT COMBAT RATHER THAN SUPPORT UNITS TO THE FRONT DURING CRITICAL FIRST STAGES OF A WAR.

5. REPS MADE SEVERAL PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE SPECIALIZATION/RATIONALIZATION PROCEDURES. UK REP EMPHASIZED NEED TO CONSIDER TIMING OF FORCE ADJUSTMENTS TAKEN BY ONE NATION RELATIVE TO COMPLEMENTARY ADJUSTMENTS BY OTHER NATIONS INVOLVED IN PROCESS. UK REP ALSO SUPPORTED DUTCH RECOMMENDATION

FOR INITIAL SHORT-TERM LIMITED PROGRAMS AS WELL AS MORE GENERAL LONG-TERM APPROACHES. IN THIS REGARD, UK REP SUGGESTED A FEW SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS BE WORKED THROUGH THE US MATRIX WITH ACTUAL COST FIGURES. US BRIEFER RESPONDED THAT FINDING APPROPRIATE TRADE-OFFS MADE IT NECESSARY TO WORK WITH LARGER MATRIX OF ALTERNATIVES. SACLAN REP (CAPT MAYO) SUGGESTED THAT A FEW NATIONS MIGHT UNDERTAKE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND MAJOR MAINTENANCE OF ITEMS OF MAJOR EQUIPMENT SUCH AS SUBMARINES WHILE OTHER NATIONS WOULD STILL OPERATE THE EQUIPMENT AND PERFORM DAY-TO-DAY MAINTENANCE. HUMPHREYS CONCLUDED DISCUSSION BY STATING THAT PROGRAM ALSO MAY OFFER USEFUL APPROACH FOR EXAMINING ROLES AND MISSIONS.

6. COMMENT. BRIEFING PRESENTED USEFUL FRAMEWORK FOR APPROACHING SPECIALIZATION/RATIONALIZATION. ALLIES RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO US INITIATIVE, ACCEPTING BRIEFING AS AN EXAMPLE OF FLEXIBLE METHODOLOGY RATHER THAN FIXED PROPOSALS. ALLIED INTEREST AND CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS INDICATE THAT MATRIX SYSTEM WILL BE USEFUL TOOL FOR FUTURE EWG CONSIDERATIONS. END COMMENT.
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